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Title:

SECTIONAL MODIFIED STEP HOUSING LADDER WITH

REMOVABLE RUNGS

X Specification, Claims, and Abstract: Nr. of Sheets: 12

X Drawings: Nr. of Sheets Enclosed: Formal: 12

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- X Fee Transmittal
- X Information Disclosure Statement of the Applicant.

X The applicant is qualified for Small Entity status as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9 (c).

Respectfully submitted,

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FEE CALCULATION	1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month		
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1. BASIC FILING FEE Large Entity Small Entity	1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month		
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1002 330 2002 165 Design filing fee	1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal		
1003 520 2003 260 Plant filing fee	1402	320	2402		Filing a brief in support of an appeal		
1004 750 2004 375 Reissue filing fee	1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing		
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SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 375		110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable		
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE	1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)		
Extra Claims below Fee Paid	1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee		
Total Claims X = X =	1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee		
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